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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT PROJECT IV-1.3,
REMOVAL AND PROCESSING OF SOLID WASTE IN URBAN AREAS:
VISIT OF US TEAM.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO MR. A. N.
PROKHOROV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACADEMY OF COMMUNAL ECONOMY,
RSFSR MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNAL ECONOMY, VOLOKOLAM-
SKOYE SHOSSE 116, MOSCOW, 123373, WITH COPY TO KUVSHINNIKOV
OF HYDROMET:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PROKHOROV: AS YOU KNOW, THE PROGRAM
FOR 1975, AS AGREED UPON AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE US-USSR
JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT
HELD IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER 1974, INCLUDES A VISIT BY A
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U.S. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TEAM TO THE USSR DURING THE

SECOND QUARTER OF 1975. REGRETFULLY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO INITIATE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENABLE US TO MAKE THIS VISIT AS SCHEDULED. INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS VISIT TO THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1975, AS FOLLOWS:

DATES: ARRIVE MOSCOW SATURDAY, JULY 26;

DEPART MOSCOW FRIDAY, AUGUST 1.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. TEAM:

MR. ARSEN J. DARNAY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

MR. ROBERT A. COLONNA, DIRECTOR, SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

MR. VAL GREY, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER

ALL MEMBERS ARE FROM THE OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

OBJECTIVE OF VISIT:

A. TO LEARN ABOUT SOVIET POLICIES, APPROACHES, LEGISLATION, GOVERNMENT ROLES AND GENERAL TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

B. TO VISIT THE NEW MOSCOW INCINERATOR, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN EARLY 1975.

C. TO VISIT THE NEW EXPERIMENTAL WASTE PROCESSING PLANT, WHICH YOU REFERRED TO AS PLANT NO. 1, RIGA.

D. TO DISCUSS NEW SOVIET TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS THE REGENERATION OF WASTE OILS, IMPROVEMENTS IN WASTE LIQUID INCINERATION, TREATMENT OF CELLULOSE WASTE BY HEAT-PULVERIZATION FOR CONVERSION INTO GLUCOSE, ETC.

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E. TO VISIT ANY ADDITIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTALLATION AS MAY BE SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

PLEASE INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REPLY, WE WILL COMMUNICATE OUR EXACT FLIGHT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES TO YOU TO HELP FACILITATE ARRANGING OF THE PROGRAM.

WE SINCERELY LOOK FORWARD TO A VISIT WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT
A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULE CAN BE WORKED OUT. MY
PERSONAL REGARDS TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WHOM WE HAVE
HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING. (SIGNED) VAL GREY, U.S.
PROJECT LEADER FOR PROJECT IV-1.3. UNQUOTE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW THROUGH TO OBTAIN TIMELY
RESPONSE TO PROPOSED VISIT. KISSINGER

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